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As a Linux user, I am forced to pay Microsoft when I buy a computer. I'm pleased to see that last week's decision won't let Microsoft forbid vendors from selling dual-boot systems. But it seems to allow Microsoft to forbid systems that don't run Windows at all. Given Microsoft's fear of Linux, it probably will try to stop non-Microsoft systems, and I'll have to pay the "Microsoft tax" yet again.

Please clarify the agreement to specify that:

1. Microsoft may not enter into agreements with vendors that limit the operating systems and OS combinations they may pre-install.
2. If a consumer buys a computer with Windows installed, but doesn't want to use that OS, Microsoft (or the computer vendor) must pay a full refund.

Thank you very much,

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